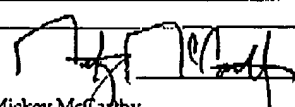


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 16, 2003. Please enter the following amendments to the above-identified United States Patent Application.

The Applicant requests a three-month extension of time for response beyond the three-month shortened statutory period provided in the Office Action of July 16, 2003, and authorizes the Commissioner to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-1038 for the extension of time fee and any additional fees that may be due, or credit us for any overpayment.